# China's Ag Ministry has not approved import of Monsanto RR2 Xtend soybeans

-- An Open Letter by Beijing Food Safety Volunteers to American farmers Yang Xiang-lu, Li Xiang-zhen and Advsor Chen I-wan

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In Feb. 2016, Monsanto told American farmers growing RR soybeans: China's Ag Ministry has approved import of Monsanto RR2 Xtend soybeans tolerant to both Glyphosate + Dicamba herbicides. [1] Many media repeated such report. [2]

On April 8 2016, Monsanto continues to tell you: "Monsanto's Roundup Ready 2 Xtend Soybeans ... Monsanto received approval for the Roundup-resistant seed earlier this year from China"! [3]

Undertaking legal responsibilities we must inform you: Monsanto has again lied to you, on May 3, 2016, China's Ag. Ministry has confirmed to us by official letter:

- -- China's Ag Ministry has not issued "safety certificate" to import Monsanto RR2 Xtend soybeans tolerant to both Glyphosate + Dicamba herbicides. [4]
- -- China's Ag Ministry "never accepted Monsanto's safety evaluation application material for 'Glyphosate- tolerance + Dicamba-tolerance" GM soybeans (MON87708 × MON89788)"; [5]
- -- China's Ag Ministry also did not receive the "Agricultural GM Safety Evaluation Application Report" for Monsanto's 'Glyphosate- tolerance + Dicamba-tolerance" GM soybeans (MON87708 × MON89788) accordingly does not exist."[6]

We must also inform you:

A falsified toxicology animal test report submitted to China's Ag Ministry by Monsanto for Roundup "Pesticide Registration" in 1988 of which Monsanto claims "issued by Younger Laboratories on Dec. 23, 1985" [7], and the fake toxicology test study submitted to China's Ag Ministry by Monsanto for RR soybeans 40-3-2 safety evaluation in 2004, [8] i.e. carried out with "fake samples" of RR soybeans 40-3-2 prepared by Monsanto purposely not sprayed with Roundup and accordingly contained no Roundup residuals, are the root resulting in China importing over 81 million tons of RR soybeans from USA, Brazil and Argentine.

In 2010, a poll (size: 34000) by the People's Network indicated about 98% are against GM ingredient food [9]; Another poll (size: 60,000) by the Tengxun Network indicated about 93% against GM ingredient food! [10] Clearly indicates that the greatest majority of Chinese consumers are against all GM ingredient food. [11]

We hope farmers in USA will seriously consider: Do you want to continue grow RR soybeans and other GM crops which over 98% Chinese consumers reject and hate?!

#### **Evidence:**

[1] On Feb. 3, 2016, Monsanto's website Genuity "Media Room\Press Releases\China Grants Commercialization for Monsanto's Roundup Ready 2 Xtend<sup>TM</sup> Soybeans and Vistive® Gold Soybeans" reported:

 $\underline{http://www.genuity.com/MediaRoom/pressreleases/Pages/RoundupReady2Xtend-Commercializat} \\ \underline{ion.aspx}$ 



ST. LOUIS (February 3, 2016) – Monsanto Company (NYSE: MON) today announced its commercial launch plans for its Roundup Ready 2 Xtend™ soybeans after it received import approval in China. This technology has been highly anticipated by farmers and is now available in the United States and Canada in time for the 2016 season.

"We are pleased to bring Roundup Ready 2 Xtend soybeans to the market," said Brett Begemann, Monsanto President and Chief Operating Officer.

Monsanto Genuity, FARMERS TO GAIN ACCESS TO MONSANTO'S ROUNDUP READY 2

XTEND™ SOYBEANS IN 2016, Feb. 3, 2016

http://www.genuity.com/MediaRoom/pressreleases/Pages/RoundupReady2Xtend-Commercialization.aspx

[2] On Feb 3, 2016 Delta Farm Press reported: "China approval clears path for Roundup Ready 2 Xtend soybeans:



Monsanto announced its commercial launch plans for Roundup Ready 2 Xtend soybeans after China gave approval for imports of the dicamba herbicide-tolerant oilseeds. The company said the technology will now be available in the U. S. and Canada for the 2016 season."

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Delta Farm Press, China approval clears path for Roundup Ready 2 Xtend soybeans On Feb 3, 2016

http://deltafarmpress.com/soybeans/china-approval-clears-path-roundup-ready-2-xten\_d-soybeans

#### [3] On April 8, 2016, Agriculture News reported:

"As the growing season is rapidly approaching, there is still some uncertainty for Monsanto's Roundup Ready 2 Xtend Soybeans for this year.

"While Monsanto received approval for the Roundup-resistant seed earlier this year from China, company spokesperson Trish Jordan says they're at an administrative roadblock when it comes to accessing the European market.

"Roundup Ready 2 Xtend Soybeans contains the Roundup Ready trait and the dicamba trait," explains Jordan, "both those traits have already been approved as

singles, we're just waiting on the final administrative sign-off (from the European Union) on the stacked product."

Amy-Jean MacLean, Monsanto's Xtend Soybeans not ready to go just yet, Agriculture News,08 April 2016

http://www.portageonline.com/ag-news/48593-monsanto-s-xtend-soybeans-not-ready-to-go-just-yet

[4] Ag Ministry 2016-05-03 "Information Disclosure Application Respond" (Ref. 2016 No.22) confirmed: "Our ministry never accepted Monsanto's safety evaluation application material for 'Glyphosate- tolerance + Dicamba-tolerance" GM soybeans (MON87708×MON89788), never issued 'Safety Certificate' to Monsanto's 'Glyphosate- tolerance + Dicamba-tolerance" GM soybeans (MON87708×MON89788). Government information, i.e. "Safety Certificate" No. and awarding date, you applied disclosure for Monsanto's 'Glyphosate- tolerance + Dicamba-tolerance" GM soybeans (MON87708×MON89788) accordingly does not exist."

### 农业部信息公开申请答复书

农公开(科)[2016]22号

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你们于2016年4月22日提交的政府信息公开申请收悉。依据《中华人民共和国政府信息公开条例》第二条、第二十一条第三项规定,现答复如下。

我部未受理过孟山都"抗草甘膦+抗麦草畏"转基因大豆 RR 2Xtend(MON87708×MON89788)的安全评价申请资料,未发放过孟山都"抗草甘膦+抗麦草畏"转基因大豆 RR 2Xtend(MON87708×MON89788)的"安全证书"。你们申请公开的"孟山都'抗草甘膦+抗麦草畏'转基因大豆 RR 2Xtend(MON87708×MON89788)'安全证书'编号及颁发日期"政府信息不存在。

如对本答复有异议,可自收到本答复书之日起 60 日内向农业部申请行政复议,或者在六个月内向北京市第三中级人民法院提起行政诉讼。

[5] Ag Ministry 2016-05-03 "Information Disclosure Application Respond" (Ref. 2016 No.23) confirmed: "Our ministry never accepted Monsanto's safety evaluation application material for 'Glyphosate- tolerance + Dicamba-tolerance' Government information, i.e. unrevised copy of "Edible Safety" toxicology animal test report, you applied disclosure for Monsanto's 'Glyphosate- tolerance + Dicamba-tolerance" GM soybeans (MON87708×MON89788) accordingly does not exist."

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如对本答复有异议,可自收到本答复书之日起60日内向农业部申请行政复议,或者在六个月内向北京市第三中级人民法院提起行政诉讼。

[6] Ag Ministry 2016-05-03 "Information Disclosure Application Respond" (Ref. 2016 No.24) confirmed: "Our ministry never accepted Monsanto's safety evaluation application material for 'Glyphosate- tolerance + Dicamba-tolerance'. Government information, i.e. the "Agricultural GM Safety Evaluation Application Report", you applied disclosure for Monsanto's 'Glyphosate- tolerance + Dicamba-tolerance" GM soybeans (MON87708 × MON89788) accordingly does not exist."

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[7] Monsanto Roundup in 1988 obtained "Pesticide Registration", according to the concurrent pesticide registration stipulation, Monsanto submitted a toxicology test report issued on Dec. 23, 1985. As Monsanto considers this test report contains important company commercial secrets, contains important privacy an business confidential information, it was globally never disclosed, thus refuses to disclose.

Last week, Beijing citizen sued the Ag Ministry, ... upon study by the collegial panel of the court, considers that Monsanto is a stakeholder of the case, thus decides to add Monsanto as a party concerned to this case. Accordingly, around the key element for Monsanto Roundup obtaining Pesticide Registration in China, should or not the product toxicology test report be disclosed as should disclosed government information, further legal progress is achieved.

Chen I-wan, former advisor, Commission of Disaster History to China Disaster Prevention Association, devoted to studies of agricultural disaster and GM crops, told the reporter: "Monsanto in 1988 submitted a toxicology animal test report for Pesticide Registration application for their formulated Roundup herbicide, which from date, signature to content all are suspected counterfeit." Chen I-wan considers, "Furthermore, when Monsanto applied Pesticide Registration in 1988, it applied Pesticide Registration for its glyphosate formulated Roundup, but the toxicology animal test report it submitted, is only for single ingredient glyphosate, and not a toxicology animal test report for glyphosate formulated Roundup."

Changjiang Business News, The GM legal case is updated to international version, 2015-04-05 http://www.changjiangtimes.com/2015/04/499805.html

[8] The "Food Safety 90 Days Test of Roundup Tolerance GM Soybean 40-3-2 and it's Processed Products Fed to SD Rats" Carried Out by China Disease Prevention Control Center Nutrition and Food Safety Research Institute is a "False Test" Using "False Sample" to obtain a "Fraud Conclusion" <a href="http://blog.sina.com.cn/s/blog\_4bb17e9d0102e676.html">http://blog.sina.com.cn/s/blog\_4bb17e9d0102e676.html</a>

[9] The result of a poll (size: 34000) in 2010 organized by the People's Network indicated about 98% are against GM ingredient food <a href="http://www.360doc.com/content/10/0225/18/460436\_16807833.shtml">http://www.360doc.com/content/10/0225/18/460436\_16807833.shtml</a>



[10] The result of a poll (size: 60,,000) organized by the Tencent Network in 2013 indicated about 93% are against GM ingredient food

http://blog.sciencenet.cn/blog-475-725481.html



[11] Demonstration in April 2016 by Yang Xiao-lu, Li Xiang-zhen and other food safety volunteers in Beijing against Monsanto, Syngenta and GM food.



The characters on their T-shirt: "No GMO, refuse to be laboratory mice", their banners include "Ban Glyphosate, Punish Monsanto!" "For People's Health, Ban GMO Food!", "Monsanto, get out of China!", "Mankind must end Monsanto and Syngenta before they end Mankind!"